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Subject: Azerbaijan Update

Good morning,

I wanted to share the <u>Joint Statement from the Seventh Ministerial Meeting of the Southern Gas</u>
<u>Corridor Advisory Council</u>. The co-chairs are Minister of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan Parviz Shahbazov, European Commissioner for Energy Kadri Simson, and European Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Olivér Várhelyi. The Southern Gas Corridor project enhances the energy security of European countries by securing diversified and stable gas deliveries to Europe.

The statement noted that the meeting "acknowledges the strategic energy partnership between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the European Union and welcomes the completion of the Southern Gas Corridor project and the start of gas supplies from Azerbaijan to the European Union. This historic achievement was built on the strong cooperation between the governments, international institutions, financial lender organizations, operators of upstream ventures and transportation systems, contractor companies, communities and local authorities along the entire 3500 km long value chain."

The full statement is here.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Mark

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